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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SUBJECT: Research Inventories of the Social Sciences

1. A meeting of representatives of the External Research Staff, the National Science Foundation, and the Economic Intelligence Committee was called by OIC to discuss the activities of these agencies in the compilation of social science research inventories.

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- 2. The attached chart served as the basis for discussion. The following conclusions were reached:
 - a. At present there is little overlapping activity among the three organizations in collecting information about finished and on-going social science research. The overlap that does exist between ERS and EIC will be worked out in discussions between representatives of the two organizations.
 - b. It is possible that ERS will eventually be equipped to collect the information needed by EIC, but for the moment EIC will continue to collect, analyze, and publish its own report.
 - c. The purpose of the National Science Foundation inventories is essentially different from the inventories of ERS and EIC. The NSF is primarily interested in compiling inventories of unclassified research that will be useful to social scientists throughout the country, particularly those outside of government. ERS and EIC, on the other hand, compile their inventories primarily for the use of government agencies, particularly in the intelligence community.

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